

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

SHOPPING IN PROGRESS

Stores Already Thronged With Christmas Purchasers.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN AIR

Merchants Have Provided Excellent Stocks From Which Their Customers May Select Presents, and Displays Are Unusually Attractive.

With the display windows of the stores filled with attractive Christmas goods, the children anxiously watching the windows, the holiday spirit is beginning to pervade Hampton and from now until Christmas Eve the buying is expected to be active.

Never in the history of Hampton have the merchants put in such excellent stocks of Christmas goods and certainly never before was the buying public offered a greater and a better selection than they can find now in the stores of Hampton and Phoebus.

Catching the idea that early shopping is the most desirable manner in which to settle the Christmas present problem, many of the people of the lower peninsula are making their Christmas now, instead of waiting until the day or even the week before Christmas.

The various toy stores naturally are centers of attraction for the children, but the window displays of many of the dry goods and clothing stores are cleverly arranged. The work of decorating the interior of the stores has been underway since the first of December and few business houses there are now that do not remind the shopper that Christmas is close at hand.

FORT MONROE AMATEURS WILL PRESENT PLAY

"The Jack Trust," One of the Newest Society Farces, to be Given at Chamberlin.

"The Jack Trust," one of the newest society farces, will be given in the ball room of Hotel Chamberlin tomorrow evening by a cast of officers and ladies of the Fort Monroe garrison. The event is looked forward to with no little interest in army circles, while local society is also much interested in the success of the play. The play will be followed by a number of tableaux, with incidental music and eastern dances, in which many unique and interesting costumes will be shown.

The entertainment is called the Play and Tealeau Vivant, and is given for the benefit of the army and navy Young Men's Christian Association at Fort Monroe.

To Our Advertisers

We will not guarantee the insertion of any advertisement in our Christmas Number, which will be issued on next Sunday, the copy for which is not in this office by 6 p. m. Friday. Copy received for advertisements after this time will be handled in the order in which it is received.

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Men Look Younger in Smartly Tailored CLOTHES That Are Made to Fit Their Forms!

We know just how to make clothes for young men and men of mature age who should look youthful and up-to-date.

ELEGANT SUITS!

Made to your measure from \$20 to \$50.

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Of all kinds. Everything Nicely Boxed.

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"The prettiest store in the city."

All Sizes Always in Stock of May Manton Patterns.

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Handkerchiefs FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

When in doubt give handkerchiefs. Everybody is glad to receive Handkerchiefs, especially if they are of the quality such as offered here.

Ladies' plain hemstitched, embroidered and colored bordered, that are hard to distinguish from the average 10c kinds—in hundreds of styles—5c

A host of dainty styles and every one an excellent value of barred, lace edged and embroidered Handker.—25c

Ladies' Madeira embroidered pure linen Handkerchiefs—the very newest effects, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and so on up to \$5.00.

Men's plain hemstitched and linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.50 a box of 6. Children's Handkerchiefs, 15c, 20c and 25c a box.

Steiner & Kaufman

SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Miss Gertrude Candy has returned to the city after a week's visit in Shawboro, N. C., and Norfolk.

Messrs. Morris Friedman and Samuel Stein, of Baltimore, are spending several days in the city.

Mr. Charles C. Cunningham, of San Francisco, Cal., is here to visit relatives.

AT ARMORY TONIGHT.

"Box of Monkeys" Will be Presented by Clever Hampton Amateurs.

In Armory Hall tonight the clever comedy, "A Box of Monkeys," will be presented by some of the best amateur talent in Hampton. The play is given for the benefit of the Old Dominion Chapter, daughters of the Confederacy, and the advance sale of seats has been large.

The cast includes many of the cleverest local thespians and the performance promises to be good.

Sent Up from Phoebus.

Annie Powell and Sarah Garrison, negro women, were given three months in the county jail by Mayor L. P. Furness, of Phoebus, yesterday. They were unable to give bond for their good behavior. Arthur Sahle, who blew his "horn" a little too much while under the influence of "red eye," got three months because he couldn't give a bond in the sum of \$50 for his good behavior.

HENEY SUES FOR DAMAGES.

Wants Crocker to Pay \$250,000 for Alleged Libel.

(By Associated Press). LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 8.—Francis J. Heney, who is in this city on his way to Arizona, confirmed today the report that he had entered suit in New York against William H. Crocker, of San Francisco, for \$250,000, for alleged libel.

Heney said that the papers in the action were served upon Crocker in New York yesterday.

The Volunteer Builders of the Presbyterian church will hold a cake, candy and fancy article sale in Mr. Segar Whiting's store, Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 p. m., Saturday from 3 to 9 p. m.

LIVELY SOCIAL SESSION HELD BY THE PYTHIANS

Chairman Joseph Gould Fines Knights For All Kinds of Offenses.

Kecoughtan Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias, held a most enjoyable social session Tuesday night, when the members participated in program covering many cleverly arranged stunts. Mr. Joseph Gould was the chairman of the session and the manner in which he imposed fines on the various knights brought forth much laughter. During the evening Mr. V. P. Holt, past chancellor commander of Virginia, was presented with a "hand-some cut glass bowl," which Mr. Harry R. Houston, who made the presentation address "accidentally" dropped just as Mr. Holt attempted to receive it.

Mr. Robert L. Tennis got a fine triangle of "red apples," and this gift was presented by Mr. John Weymouth. The fun for the evening was rich from start to finish. Mr. J. Archer Vaughan, the keeper of records and seals, was responsible for the affair.

H. T. LAMB PRESIDENT LOCAL C. & J. UNION

Carpenters Elect Officers and Decide to Give Big Smoker in January.

Hampton local union No. 887, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, held an interesting session last night. Officers were elected and the decision was reached to have a big smoker on first meeting night in January, where the newly chosen officials will be installed.

The officers elected were: President—H. T. Lamb. Vice-president—George H. Walker. Recording secretary—J. M. Wood. Financial secretary—A. H. Willey. Warden—J. L. Edwards. Conductor—Mr. Young. Auditor—Cady Chiler. Trustee—A. L. Bullivant. Executive committee—George W. Young, H. T. Lamb and Charles A. Turner.

ROADS CHARGE TO MUCH FOR HAULING BRICK

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides Long Contested Rate Case.

(By Associated Press). WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—After an investigation extending over a year the Interstate Commerce Commission ruled in an opinion handed down today that the rates charged by the railroads for the transportation of fire bricks, building brick and paving brick, from central traffic association territory to the Atlantic seaboard were unreasonable and should be reduced.

An order therefore was issued by the commission requiring the railroads to charge no more than 21 cents a hundred pounds for the transportation of such brick from Central Traffic Association territory to points in the eastern trunk line territory during the two years beginning on the first of February next.

The case was brought before the commission by manufacturers of various kinds of brick in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia against practically all of the railway lines operating in the eastern part of the United States. The rate on brick between the territories mentioned heretofore has been an average of 25 cents a hundred pounds.

YODER APPEALS CASE.

Pamphleteer, Convicted in Police Court, Goes Higher.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 8.—If the decision of Magistrate Wilbur Griggs is sustained in an appellate tribunal, Adon A. Yoder, who was examined yesterday in the police court on the charge of criminally libeling Justice Crutchfield and Police Commissioners Manning and Gordon, must serve fifteen days in jail and pay a fine of \$100 for his alleged offense.

Magistrate Griggs, after a hearing lasting from 11 o'clock in the morning

until 8:15, rendered a decision finding the accused guilty and imposing the punishment mentioned.

Counsel for the accused forthwith announced a purpose to appeal, and Mr. Yoder was bailed in the sum of \$300 for his appearance in the Hustings Court at the next term. His brother, W. W. Yoder, and B. H. Wireman acted as his bondsmen.

The case was not without many novel features, as prosecutions for criminal libel have seldom taken place in Virginia, and the precedents are few. This necessary "breaking of new ground" naturally caused continual disputes between the opposing lawyers, and at times made the proceedings just a little bit tiresome.

As soon as Magistrate Griggs made his ruling, which narrowed the scope of the evidence to matters directly bearing on the alleged libelous article, it became obvious that the defense would be much crippled.

CHECK FOR TWENTY THOUSAND.

Mrs. McCormick Sends Contribution to Richmond Seminary.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 8.—The Union Theological Seminary here is in receipt of a check for \$20,000 from Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, widow of the inventor of the McCormick reaper.

Shortly after the Confederate war Mr. McCormick, who was a native of Virginia and an elder of the Presbyterian church, endowed the professorship of old Testament study in the Seminary, and the amount now given by Mrs. McCormick is to be added to the endowment then provided by her husband.

FOR SALE.

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Circare
THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP
10c
30c, 50c
All Drugs

THE SEASON'S SOCIAL EVENT!

Play and Tableaux Vivant!

BY THE OFFICERS AND LADIES CONNECTED WITH THE GARRISON, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ARMY V. M. C. A., FORTRESS-MONROE.

Hotel Chamberlin Ball Room, Friday Evening, December 10

THE PLAY—(The Jack Trust) one of the Newest Society Farces, will be elaborately staged and the cast composed of talented experienced society amateurs.

THE TABLEAUX—Alladin and His Wonderful Lamp; All Baba and the Forty Thieves—in Eight Scenes—(With Incidental Music and Eastern Dances)

will be reproduced with Oriental Magnificence. The costumes and accessories loaned for this occasion are originals collected by the officers and ladies in the Philippines, China, Japan and the Far East. The stage management is in the hands of an officer of large experience, who has made a careful study of Oriental life. Vocal and Instrumental Selections by Noted Amateurs, accompanied by the Hotel Chamberlin Orchestra. ADMISSION, ONE DOLLAR; CURTAIN AT 8:15. TICKETS ON SALE AT HOTEL CHAMBERLIN.

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Gentlemen's Shoes
Children's Shoes
Fancy Slippers for Christmas Presents
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A Kodak for every boy; a talking machine for every woman.

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We are making a specialty of home-killed milk fed Veal. You will find this article as dealt in here the very best.

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1333 N. King street, modern \$25
Randolph street, modern \$14
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225 Lee street \$10.50
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333 Elm St., 7 rooms \$11.00
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East Hampton, 10 rooms, bath \$25.00
618 Armistead Ave., 7 rooms \$15.00
217 Falton St., 7 rooms \$15.00
252 Lee St., 7 rooms \$14.00
225 Lee St., 7 rooms \$11.00
129 Wine St., 8 rooms \$10.50
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* And Others in All Sections.

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FINE FARM of one hundred acres, beautifully situated on the river with nice seven-room frame dwelling, fruit trees, fifteen acres well timbered, eight acres oyster ground well seeded, half mile of water front. We are offering this desirable farm at a very reasonable price and on easy payments, and situated as it is within four miles of Hampton—is a bargain. Four-room cottage on lot fronting 50 feet on Curry St., Phoebus, for only \$550; one-half cash, balance on your own terms.

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